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EXDIS MILITARY PLEASE HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

FOLLOWING REPEAT BELGRADE 3243 ACTION SECSTATE VIENNA MAY 19.

QUOTE E C R E T BELGRADE 3243

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EYES ONLY FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

FROM CHARGE'

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS INFO TO SECDEF AND CNO

EO 11652 GDS
TAGS: PFOR YO US MPLO

REF: ATHENS 4634

1. ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY'S MESSAGE IS MASTERFUL SUMMARY
OF RESULTS OF HIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TRIP HERE. TRIP'S
SUCCESS WAS IN NO SMALL MEASURE DUE TO ADMIRAL
HOLLOWAY'S EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES WHICH MANIFESTED
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THEMSELVES TO HIS HOSTS AND FACILITATED OPEN YET
FRIENDLY EXCHANGE.

2. LJUBICIC'S REMARKS WERE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT.
HE ASKED US SEVERAL TIMES TO DEFINE KIND OF
RELATIONSHIP US WANTED WITH YUGOSLAVIA IN MILITARY
FIELD. HE REMINDED US THAT DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1975, BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD STATED US WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW YUGOSLAVIA ACCESS TO MODERN MILITARY WEAPONS. YUGOSLAVS THEN SUBMITTED LIST OF THEIR INTERESTS BUT ONLY MODERN WEAPON, TOW, FOR WHICH PERMISSION GRANTED, WAS PUBLICIZED IN WAY THAT PLACED YUGOSLAVIA IN CONFRONTATIONAL POSITION WITH SOVIETS. LAST THING THAT YUGOSLAVS WANTED, LJUBICIC OBSERVED, WAS CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIET UNION "WHICH HAS DIVISIONS ON OUR BORDER". HE ALLEGED THAT PENTAGON BLOCKING ACCESS TO WEAPONS FROM OTHER WESTERN SUPPLIERS, CITING CASE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE BOFORS GUN WITH LASER SIGHT FROM SWEDEN. U.S. SAID NO, HE CLAIMED. (PRESUMABLY US PERMISSION REQUIRED BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS ON THIRD COUNTRY SALES IN AGREEMENT WITH SWEDES).

3. EXCHANGE REINFORCES MY VIEW, EXPRESSED IN EMBASSY'S POLICY ASSESSMENT (BELGRADE 1776) OF IMPORTANCE OF HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW OF OUR POSTURE TOWARDS YUGOSLAVIA'S DEFENSE NEEDS. ALSO REINFORCES MY VIEW THAT MECHANISMS NEEDED TO ASSURE THAT POLICY DECISIONS ONCE MADE ARE TRANSLATED INTO EFFECTIVE AND QUICK ACTION. YORK UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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